

A BASKET OF CHIPS.

SARCASM.—John Randolph was one of the most sarcastic men that ever lived.—One time a young man attempted to make his acquaintance. He obtained an introduction and among the first remarks, said: "I passed by your house lately, Mr. Randolph."

"I hope you always will!" was the reply.

Another one twitted him as to his "want of education":

"The gentleman reminds me," said Randolph in reply, "of the lands about the head waters of the Montgomery, which are poor in nature and civilization has ruined them."

—Learning is not offensive in a woman, if she preserves a gentle and thoroughly feminine disposition. Some one has very significantly said that it does not matter how blue the stockings are, so petticoats is long enough to cover them.

—See here, Grippy, I understand you have a superior way of curing him. I should like to learn it." Well, you'd know very well how to cure them; but the trouble with me, just now, is to find out a way to procure them."

—It is a deplorable condition," says Bish op Sherlock, "in he always doing what we are always condemning! The reproaches of others are painful enough; but when the lash is laid on by your own hand, the anguish is intolerable.

—The cause of the potato rot has at last been discovered. Without doubt it is the rotatory motion of the earth. This problem was solved by a learned convention of common taters.

—Mrs. Partridge says, that nothing deserves her so much as to see people who profess to expect salvation, go to church without their paces when a recollection is to be taken up.

—Get down on your hands and knees a minute, ma, please," said an incipient artist the other day in his manner. "Why, what on earth must I do that for?" "Cause I want to draw an elephant."

—This is larger than New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, all put together.

—An aged clergyman, who had not known one day's illness, was asked his secret. "My feet and early rising," was his reply; "these are my only two precautions."

—The only money that does a young man good is what he earns himself. A ready made fortune, like ready made clothing, seldom fits the man who comes into possession.

—A lady said to her sister, "I wonder, my dear, you have never made a match? I think you want the himstone." To which she replied, "No, not the himstone—only the spark."

—A Mr. Fox has been indicted in Ohio for whipping his wife and children. No doubt he thinks it a hard case that a man can be allowed to thrash his own Fox.

—The widow of the gallant old colonel, David Crockett, died lately in Johnston county, Texas, in her seventy-fourth year.

—Mr. John Jack, a Kentucky editor says that one day he got slapped him in the face owing, by way of apology, that she was fond of slapping.

—St. Augustine, Florida, is the oldest town in the United States, and was founded fifty-five years before the landing of the Pilgrims, at Plymouth (A. D. 1620).

—The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the greatest art in life is to have as many of them as possible.

—Let no reproach make you lay aside holiness; the fruits of the world are nothing to the seeds of Heaven.

—It has been discovered that bread can be manufactured out of wood. Long before this discovery was made, all wood was known to have grain in it.

—Excessive ceremony shows want of breeding. That civility is best which excludes all superfluous formality.

—A teacher of penmanship, in teaching lessons, taught a lawyer to teach his pen writing.

—She that marries a man because he is a "good match" would not be surprised if he turned out a "Lester."

—The love that has insight but beauty to keep it in good condition, is short-lived, and subject to shrinking fits.

—One hour of justice is worth twenty years' prayer. One act of cruelty is worth a century of eloquence.

—What is most like a horse shoe? A man's shoe.

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